

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

Claims 20, 21, 24, 25, 29, 30 and 33-35 have been amended. Claims 19, 23, 28 and 32 have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 20-22, 24-27, 29-31 and 33-37 are presented for examination.

Claims 24, 25 and 33 stand objected because of various informalities. Applicant submits that the appropriate amendments were made to claims 24, 25 and 33.

Applicant acknowledges that claims 24 and 33 would be allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 19-23, 25-32 and 34-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over some combination of Klein (U.S. Patent No. 6,567,864), Jones et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,619,723), Thompson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,341,342), Klein et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,671,439), Estakhri et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,397,314), Anderson (U.S. Patent No. 5,905,910), Jenkins (U.S. Patent No. 4,047,157) and Mizuno et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,608,891).

Applicant submits that the above rejections have been obviated by the cancellation of claims 19, 23, 28 and 32 and the amendment of claims 24, 25, 33 and 35. Particularly, claims 24 and 33 have been amended to appear in allowable condition as indicated in the Office Action. Further, claims 25 and 35 have been amended to include the allowable features recited in claims 24 and 33.

Therefore, applicant submits that the rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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